#### **TOWN BOARD**

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a meeting on May 9, 2016 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: Mervin R. Livsey ---- Supervisor

William Edsall ---- Council Member
Tyrone King ---- Council Member
June Gunza ---- Council Member

Justin Rider ---- Counsel
June Patterson ---- Town Clerk

ABSENT: Adrienne T. Voltaire ---- Council Member

Supervisor Livsey opened the meeting at 7pm.

Supervisor Livsey stated that he recently lost his daughter, after a long illness. The Supervisor said she was also the Dog Control Officer about 20 years ago.

# **Dr. Sheboy – Supt. of Schools**

Supervisor Livsey said Dr. Sheboy is here to discuss the school budget.

Dr. Sheboy explained that the school budget is \$28.5 million, which is a 1.31% budget to budget increase and a 3.34 tax levy increase. Dr. Sheboy stated that this increase is due to decreased funding and increases in insurance, etc.

Ann Lawless, School Board Member, said if the School has to go to a contingency budget, \$300,000 will need to be taken out of the budget and this will have a major impact on the schools.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

## **MINUTES**

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to accept the minutes from the April 25 Town Board meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 3-ayes (Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)1-abstain (Livsey)

# **COMMUNICATIONS**

Supervisor Livsey said that he read an article that stated the Town of Highlands is rated #8 of the safest cities according to a survey.

Supervisor Livsey said there was a problem at the sewer plant that was fixed.

Supervisor Livsey provided the Board with a notice of an Infrastructure Meeting being held soon.

Supervisor Livsey received a letter from Patricia Pfeister notifying the Town of her retirement in June.

Supervisor Livsey said the Board will discuss whether this position will remain a full-time position or become a part-time one.

# **FINANCIAL**

# **Budget Transfers**

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member King to authorize the transfer of \$500 from Building Department Consulting Exp. to Building Department Training.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to authorize the transfer of \$2,500 from Dog Control Personnel to Dog Control Vehicle Maintenance.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

## **BOARD REPORTS**

## **Council Member Edsall**

Council Member Edsall reported that there was a clean-up on Saturday. Mr. Edsall thanked everyone for their help.

Council Member Edsall said there was a meeting to go over the details of the Sewer Plant. Mr. Edsall said mechanical improvements are being looked at.

## **Council Member King**

Council Member King said great things are planned for Juneteenth. Mr. King said these activities will take place on June 18 and 19 at Roe Park.

# **Council Member Gunza**

Council Member Gunza said the Chief will be requesting two new hires later in the meeting.

Council Member Gunza said she attended the Community Engagement Council meeting, which took the place of the old Community Development Council. Ms. Gunza stated that was very informative and they plan to have a meeting approximately every six months.

## **Ambulance**

Capt. Byrnes explained the monthly Ambulance report.

# **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Supervisor Livsey reported that the Town is in the process of looking at providing water to Corbin Hill, but a larger water tower is needed and it is expensive. The Supervisor said the EFC announced grants for drinking water and he has signed up for the webinar to get more information and provided this information to the attorney and engineer.

# **Police Department**

Chief Quinn stated that there was a phone outage in our area, but reminded everyone that 911 will still work.

Chief Quinn thanked Supervisor Livsey for mentioning that the Town of Highlands is the 8<sup>th</sup> safest place in the State.

Chief Quinn asked the Board to hire Dwight Joyce and Ivan Valerdi as part-time officers. The Chief gave a brief bio on these gentlemen.

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to hire Ivan Valerdi as a part-time police officer at the beginning salary and maximum probation period contingent on Orange County approval.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to hire Dwight Joyce as a part-time police officer at the beginning salary and maximum probation period contingent on Orange County approval.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

## Recreation

Mr. Falk reported that lacrosse has begun and there are 8 kids participating.

Mr. Falk said the running club now has 19 kids who run for one hour two times a week and the goal is to run the 5K on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Falk stated that Long Pond opens in 20 days and stickers are on sale.

Mr. Falk said Summer Youth Program registrations are happening.

Supervisor Livsey stated that Mr. Willis used to hire the summer workers without approval from the Board and he asked if it was okay with the Board if that stayed the same.

The Board agreed.

# **Supervisor**

Supervisor Livsey said there was person who jumped off the Bear Mountain Bridge yesterday and the docks at Mine Dock Park were used to launch boats. The Supervisor said the Northside dock is shallow and the Southside dock is in bad shape. The Supervisor has asked Mr. Patterson to look and see what can be done with the Southside dock.

# **GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **EMT Hires**

Capt. Byrnes said she is running thin with only 3 EMTs in the Town of Highlands. Ms. Byrnes is asking the Board to hire 4 EMTs. Ms. Byrnes said all these individuals are trained and can get right to work.

Supervisor Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to hire Max Reiter as a part-time EMT at the starting salary and with 1 year probation.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

Supervisor Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to hire Aliyea Langbaum as a part-time EMT at the starting salary and with 1 year probation.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

Supervisor Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to hire Eric Shorette as a part-time EMT at the starting salary and with 1 year probation.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

Supervisor Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member King to hire John McCann as a part-time EMT at the starting salary and with 1 year probation.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

# **MS4 Contract**

Supervisor Livsey said RFPs were sent out to Folchetti Engineering, Fusco Engineering and McGoey & Hauser Engineering to get prices to do the Town's MS4 Report. The Supervisor said the prices ranged from \$3,500 to \$10,000 and the Board will discuss this in executive session.

## **Bids for Highway/Sanitation Trucks**

Supervisor Livsey said a bid of \$226,704 was received from Campbell Freightliner for the 46,000 GVW Plow Truck with Hook Lift System and a bid of \$149,384 was received from R.R. Charlebois., Inc. for the Side Load Refuse Packer.

Supervisor Livsey asked Mr. Patterson for his input.

Mr. Patterson stated that these are the most qualified companies for these trucks and he recommended that the Board accept the bids.

Supervisor Livsey said the Plow Truck is being paid for by a Bond and the Board cannot accept this bid right now, but the Board can accept the bid for the Refuse Packer since that money is in the budget.

Council Member Gunza made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to accept the bid of \$149,384 for the Side Load Refuse Packer.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED:** 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

## \*\*\*\*RESOLUTION ATTACHED\*\*\*\*

## **Highway**

Mr. Patterson informed the Board that he was able to get someone to take the electronics for the Town. Mr. Patterson said he isn't sure how long this will last, but he will use them for now.

# Resolution – Home Rule Legislation (Dyroff)

Mr. Rider explained that this resolution to approve a Home Rule Request for retroactive membership in the New York State Retirement System for Christopher Dyroff.

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member King to adopt the resolution for the Home Rule Request.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED:** 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

## \*\*\*\*RESOLUTION ATTACHED\*\*\*\*

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to go into executive session to discuss personnel, Mobile Home Regulations & Violations and Contract Negotiations. Board went into executive session at 7:51pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

Council Member Edsall made a motion seconded by Council Member King to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 8:30pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

# **ADJOURN**

Council Member King made a motion seconded by Council Member Gunza to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-ayes (Livsey, Edsall, King, Gunza)

1-absent (Voltaire)

Attest,

#### RESOLUTION

OF

## MAY 9, 2016

# A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A BID FOR SANITATION TRUCK

Council Member **Gunza** moved the following resolution which was seconded by Council Member **Edsall**.

WHEREAS, the Town of Highlands solicited bids for a new side load refuse packer truck and body (the "Sanitation Vehicle");

WHEREAS, the Town Board received bids on the Sanitation Vehicle on May 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., and

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent performed a bid evaluation and recommendation to award the contract for the Sanitation Vehicle to RR Charlebois Inc. (the "Contractor"), in the amount of One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Four and 00/100 (\$149,384.00) Dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Highlands hereby does award the contract for the Sanitation Vehicle to the lowest responsible bidder, RR Charlebois Inc., at its bid price of One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Four and 00/100 (\$149,384.00) Dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall provide the notice of award to the successful bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and officers of the Town are hereby authorized and empowered to make, execute and deliver, or cause to be made, executed and delivered, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, all such certificates, agreements, documents and papers as may be necessary to effectuate and carry out the contents of the foregoing resolutions

and the terms and conditions of the Bid and Contract Documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid resolutions shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Tyrone King, Councilman voting **Aye** 

June Gunza, Councilwoman voting **Aye** 

Adrienne T. Voltaire, Councilwomanvoting Absent

William Edsall, Councilman voting Aye

Mervin R. Livsey, Supervisor voting Aye

The foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly made, seconded and adopted at a meeting of the Town Board, Town of Highlands, on May 9, 2016.

June Patterson, Town Clerk

#### RESOLUTION

OF

# MAY 9, 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD APPROVING A HOME RULE REQUEST FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CHRISTOPHER DYROFF TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR RETROACTIVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEW YORK STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Council Member **Edsall** moved the following resolution which was seconded by Council Member **King**.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Highlands wishes to support the Hon. James Skoufis, Assemblyman for the 99<sup>TH</sup> District and the Hon. William J. Larkin, Jr., Senator for the 39<sup>TH</sup> District for the introduction of legislation which would grant retroactive membership in the New York state and local employees' retirement system to Christopher Dyroff of the Town of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, Home Rule Requests must be submitted to the Assembly and/or Senate for the enactment of such Special Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Highlands wishes to make Home Rule Requests for enactment of New York State Assembly and Senate Bills pertaining to an Act granting retroactive membership in the New York state and local employees' retirement system to Christopher Dyroff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby requests the Hon. James Skoufis, Assemblyman for the 99<sup>TH</sup> District and the Hon. William J. Larkin, Jr., Senator for the 39<sup>TH</sup> District, to introduce an Act granting retroactive membership in the New York state and local employees' retirement system to Christopher Dyroff and to take such other action as may be necessary to secure the enactment of such special law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves Home Rule Requests to the New York State Assembly and the New York State Senate for enactment of such special law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Supervisor and the Town Clerk of the Town of Highlands are hereby authorized to take such actions and to make, execute and deliver, or cause to be made, executed and delivered, in the name of and on behalf of the Town, all such certificates, documents and papers as may be necessary to effectuate and carry out the foregoing resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call which resulted as follows:

Tyrone King,	Councilman	voting	Aye

The foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution duly made, seconded and Adopted at a meeting of the Town Board, Town of Highlands, on May 9, 2016.

June Patterson, Town Clerk